

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 1, 2020

The Honorable Christopher C. Miller
Acting Secretary of Defense
U.S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense, Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

The Honorable Barbara M. Barrett
Secretary
U.S. Air Force
1670 Air Force, Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Mr. Acting Secretary and Madam Secretary:

We were delighted to learn of the decision last week by the U.S. Air Force to include Patrick Air Force Base in Brevard County, Florida as one of six candidate locations under consideration to house Headquarters, U.S. Space Command (USSPACECOM). We welcome the opportunity to host a site visit in the near future to share why we are confident that Florida will prove to be the optimal site for USSPACECOM Headquarters.

Patrick Air Force Base and its associated Cape Canaveral Air Force Station has earned a global reputation as the world's premier gateway to space for government and commercial customers. It is also home to the 45th Space Wing, which delivers assured access to space for warfighters. In addition to its renowned launch reputation, the quantity and quality of assets and expertise the community that USSPACECOM offers extend well beyond battlefield access to rocket and spacecraft manufacturing, payload and electronics, and ground support.

Brevard County, the epicenter of Florida's Space Coast, is one of the most military-friendly communities in a military-friendly state. The appealing environment, weather, quality of life, cost of living, A-plus-rated schools, and dynamic economy make Brevard County a location of choice for service members and for those looking to put down roots following separation or retirement from military service. There are 3,835 active duty, reserve, and guard personnel living in the county with 6,304 military dependents. More than 68,000 veterans call Brevard County home. The community is filled with organizations dedicated to active-duty personnel, veterans, and their families. Additionally, the Space Coast is surrounded by premier academic institutions with aerospace and aeronautics programs that train and produce world class talent.

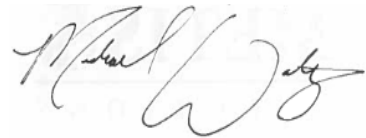
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We understand a team will be scheduling a site visit, and we stand ready to support in any way that would be helpful. We look forward to welcoming personnel from the U.S. Space Command to our community.

Sincerely,



Bill Posey
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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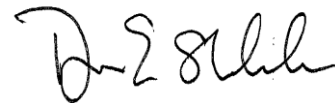
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Addendum to Florida U.S. Space Command Letter

Signed: December 4, 2020

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Brian Mast
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Lois Frankel
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